

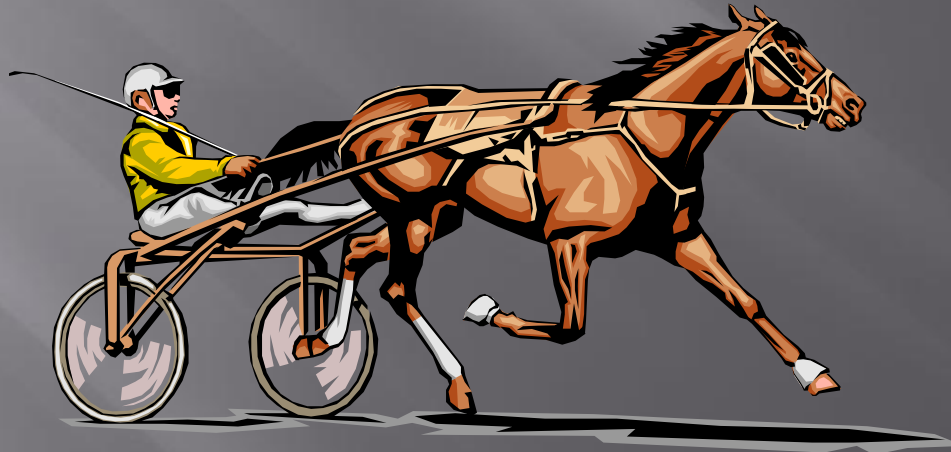
# DELAWARE HARNESS RACING COMMISSION

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# Delaware Department of Agriculture

- ▣ Governor Jack A. Markell
  - ▣ Secretary Edwin Kee
- ▣ Deputy Principal Assistant Mark Davis
- ▣ Delaware Harness Racing Commission



# DHRC's Mission

To protect, serve, and regulate the harness racing industry and uphold its honesty and integrity in a competent and impartial manner.

## Background

- ▣ The Delaware Harness Racing Commission (DHRC) regulates and oversees the sport of harness racing in the state. Its primary objectives are to protect, preserve, and promote agriculture and horse racing through effective and efficient efforts to prevent and eliminate corrupt practices; ensure fairness in decision affecting licenses and patrons; ensure due process in administrative proceedings; be attentive to the public and licensees, and provide information concerning the industry and DHRC operations. The DHRC is also responsible for ensuring that the state and the betting public receive their fair percentages of the wagering dollar by overseeing periodic accounting audits.



# Delaware Harness Racing Commission

- ▣ Beverly (Beth) H. Steele, Chairman
- ▣ Robert (Breezy) B. Brown, Commissioner
- ▣ Mary Ann Lambertson, Commissioner
  - ▣ George P. Staats, Commissioner
- ▣ Kenneth Williamson, Commissioner
  - ▣ Hugh J. Gallagher, Administrator
- ▣ Andrew Kerber, Commission Counsel
  - ▣ Jo-Ann M. Price, Paralegal

# DHRC Personnel, continued

## ▣ Judge's Office

- ▣ Scott A. Egger, Presiding Judge
- ▣ Allen Cook, Associate Judge
- ▣ Dan Kazmaier, Associate Judge
- ▣ Norman Short, Alternate Judge
- ▣ Louise Kinsey, Operations Support Specialist

## ▣ Racetrack Veterinarians

- ▣ Annie Renzetti, VMD, Chief DHRC Vet
- ▣ Emily Galloway, DVM, Associate DHRC Vet

# DHRC Personnel, continued

## ▣ Investigative Unit

- ▣ Brian Manges, Chief Investigator
- ▣ Dan Caldwell, Investigator
- ▣ Donna Krol, Investigator

## ▣ Licensing Department

- ▣ B.A. Davis, Office Manager
- ▣ Sharon Weiss, Licensing Clerical
- ▣ Robert Moore, Licensing Clerical

# DHRC Personnel, continued

## ▣ Paddock Personnel

- ▣ Tim Beaver, Paddock Judge
- ▣ Laura Winkler, Equine Identifier
- ▣ Robin Killen, BAC Technician

## ▣ Equine Testing Unit

- ▣ Wes Gerardi & Terri Staats, Blood Gas Analysts
- ▣ Carolyn Poore, Chief Equine Inspector
- ▣ Everett Bickling, Jr., Jennifer Hobbs, Richard Moyer, Holly Ventura and Robert West, Equine Inspectors



# DHRC Organization Chart

- ▣ Secretary of Agriculture
    - ▣ DHRC
  - ▣ Administrator of Racing
    - ▣ Presiding Judge
  - ▣ Paralegal      Chief Investigator      Chief DHRC Vet
  - ▣ Investigators      Licensing      Assoc. Vet      Paddock Judge
  - ▣ BGA Operations      BAC Operator      Licensing Clerical
  - ▣ Chief Inspector      Paddock Inspector      Identifier/Equip.\*
- ▣ \* This is a general listing – it does not include all jobs or a linear “report to” framework.



# DHRC Revenue Information

01/01/08 – 12/31/08

▣	<u>License Type</u>	<u>Fee</u>	<u>No. Issued</u>	<u>Total</u>
▣	Owner	\$50.00	1119	\$55,950.00
▣	Trainer	50.00	276	13,800.00
▣	Driver	50.00	47	2,350.00
▣	O/T/D	50.00	133	6,650.00
▣	Auth. Agent	50.00	77	3,850.00
▣	Vendor	50.00	8	400.00
▣	Vendor Emp.	20.00	4	80.00
▣	Groom	20.00	610	12,200.00
▣	Track Pers.	20.00	137	2,740.00

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# DHRC Revenue Information

## 01/01/08 – 12/31/08 (cont.)

▣ <u>License Type</u>	<u>Fee</u>	<u>No. Issued</u>	<u>Total</u>
▣ Owner (3 yr.)	\$150.00	144	21,500.00
▣ Trainer (3 yr.)	150.00	22	3,300.00
▣ O/T/D (3 yr.)	150.00	20	3,000.00
▣ Fingerprints	69.00	1	69.00
▣ Appeals	400.00	8	3,200.00
▣ Fines	varies	277	60,850.00
▣ Track App.	2,000.00	2	4,000.00
▣ & Lic. Fees	1,000.00	2	<u>2,000.00</u>
▣		Total	\$196,039.00

# 2008 Handle and Purses

## Dover Downs and Harrington Raceway

▣	Handle on track on live races	\$ 5,463,368.00
▣	Handle on track on simulcast races	<u>32,531,224.00</u>
▣	Total on track handle (live + simulcast)	\$ 37,994,592.00
▣	Export handle on track's races	\$156,824,045.00
▣	Total handle on track 's live races	
▣	(live and export)	\$162,287.413.00
▣	Total purses paid	\$ 46,363,406.00

# DELAWARE STANDARDBRED BREEDERS FUND

The Delaware Standardbred Breeders Fund (DSBF) was established by 29 DEL.C. 4815, and an appointed 11-member board oversees this state-bred breeding program with daily activities performed by a hired administrator, Judy Davis-Wilson. This board and administrator work very closely with the DHRC since DHRC's rules govern the actual horse racing.

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# DELAWARE STANDARDBRED BREEDERS FUND, cont.

- ▣ The Fund strives to maintain a competitive level of purses and to keep the flow of hybrid vigor among Delaware-bred standardbreds by annually contributing to the base of horses racing at the state's two harness tracks. The Administrator oversees the Sires program and the Racing program which consists of 48 races per year divided equally between the states' two harness tracks, Dover Downs and Harrington Raceway. The Fund also markets 'Delaware Bred horses' at major Standardbred sales, supports educational events such as the 'Harness Horse Youth Camp', an annual "New Owners' Seminar", and other events around the state with the major day being "Governor's Day" at the Delaware State Fair in July.

# DHRC Programs and Activities Overview

- ▣ The DHRC is very proud of the long tradition of hard knocking racing at its tracks. Since the legalization of VLTs that produce greatly enhanced purse revenues, Delaware's Harness Racing enjoys a well deserved position of dominance with an international audience through state of the art simulcasting and annual visits of the heralded Grand Circuit of premiere Stakes and lucrative Breeder's Fund Races. In addition to striving diligently to establish and maintain a level playing field for patrons and participants, the DHRC is attentive to public concerns for the health and welfare of all horses.
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# DHRC Programs and Activities

## Judge's Accreditation

- ▣ All the judges working at Delaware's Harness tracks are fully licensed by the United States Trotting Association and accredited through the University of Louisville. The Presiding and Associate Judges attend regular Continuing Education sessions. Delaware has become a major educational hub for Stewards (both Steeplechase and Thoroughbred) and Judges (Harness) as regular bi-annual sessions have been held at Delaware Park and Dover Downs. More information about Stewards and Judges can be found on the Racing Officials Accreditation Program's (ROAP) website: [www.horseracingofficials.com](http://www.horseracingofficials.com) .



# DHRC Programs and Activities

## Drug Testing

- ▣ Every winner in every race is taken to the test barn where state racing officials procure biological samples to be tested at the DHRC's official Contract Laboratory. Additionally, numerous "Special" samples are called by the judges for testing due to poor performance, beaten favorites or other reasons the judges deem appropriate for testing. The projected 2009 Equine Drug Testing budget is estimated to cost \$ 894,500.00. Per statute, this program is paid by the racetracks.

# DHRC Programs and Activities

## Pre-race blood gas testing

- ▣ The DHRC conducts random and "with cause" pre-race blood gas testing to determine TCO<sub>2</sub> and Base Excess amounts in horses. These tests are performed in the paddock before the horses warm up or race. A State veterinarian draws blood which is entered, by a DHRC trained and certified technician, into a testing device known as a Radiometer. This instrument is considered by many racing authorities to be the "Gold Standard" of testing equipment of its kind. Quantitative read outs are generated by the instrument. Trainers are responsible to insure their horses are brought to race in compliance with these standards; any excesses are referred to the judges. For more information on Blood Gas Analysis go to:  
[www.radiometeramerica.com](http://www.radiometeramerica.com)

# DHRC Programs and Activities

## Licensing

- ▣ Every participant in Harness Racing is licensed by the DHRC. Applicants are screened by investigators for material misrepresentation or, in some cases, for actual falsification. These cases are referred to the judges for hearings and potential sanctions.

# 2008 DHRC Budget

- ▣ All funding for the DHRC comes from the Appropriated Special Fund (ASF) derived from licensing fees and fines. No State of Delaware General Funds are used for the operating expense lines of the DHRC.

▣	Personnel	\$ 488,600
▣	Travel	11,200
▣	Contractual	67,800
▣	Supplies	12,000
▣	Capital	12,000
▣	Fingerprints	75,500
▣	Equine Drug Testing	<u>894,500</u>
▣	Total	\$1,561,600